[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE*

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House the following message, dated 9th March 1956, received from the Governor of Madras :—

" In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) read with Article 199, clause (1), sub-clause (*a*) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956."

III.—PRESENTATION OF SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1955-56.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. the Leader of the House will now present the Final Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for the year 1955–56.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I present the Second Supplementary Statement of Demands for Grants for the current financial year, 1955–56 and the detailed estimates thereof. Copies of the Statement of Demands and the estimates have been laid on the table of the House.

In connection with the budget for 1955–56, 42 Demands for Grants were presented to the Legislature and approved in March 1955. These involved a total sum of Rs. 88½ crores under ' Voted ' expenditure, besides an amount of Rs. 24¼ crores under ' Charged ' items of expenditure, making a grand total of nearly Rs. 113 crores. The first supplementary statement of Demands for Grants for this year was presented in November 1955, involving a sum of Rs. 80 lakhs under ' voted ' expenditure and about Rs. 4 lakhs for ' charged ' expenditure. This statement was mainly for the purpose of getting the general approval of the Legislature for new service schemes sanctioned earlier. The present supplementary statement covers 36 Demands for Grants and is for a total sum of about Rs. 58 crores, comprising Rs. 57·7 crores for ' voted ' expenditure and Rs. 0·65 crore for ' charged ' expenditure. Hon'ble Members will, no doubt, be surprised at the fact that the supplementary statement is for such a large sum. But this is due mainly to a change in the budgetary procedure. In the budget, there are transactions which are recorded under the head ' suspense ' under various grants. These involve debits and credits, and the net debit or credit alone was shown in the budget for 1955–56, by means of a single entry under the ' suspense ' heads in the grants concerned. At the instance of the Accountant-General, Madras, the Government decided in the course of the year to split up the ' suspense ' head into two, one to show the total of all the debits (expenditure) anticipated during the year and the other to show the total of all

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credits (receipts) for the year and to take into account only the total expenditure for the purpose of appropriation, in conformity with the present system of budgeting for gross expenditure. This change has been given effect to in the Revised Estimate for the current year as well as in the budget for the next year. The result is that the gross amount of demands for grants presented to the Legislature is greatly increased. The amount included for these suspense transactions alone in the present supplementary statement is about Rs. 42 crores, comprising Rs. 8½ crores in the Revenue Account and Rs. 33½ crores in the Capital Account. The particulars are given under the relevant grants in the detailed supplementary estimates. There is also another special item provided for in the present supplementary statement involving a sum of over Rs. 4 crores. The liability for the payment of pensions of persons who retired from the Central and State Governments in India and settled in the United Kingdom has been taken over by the British Government with effect from the 1st April 1955 and the capitalised value of this liability has been paid to that Government by the Government of India. The share of the Composite Madras State for this capitalised value has been tentatively estimated by the Government of India at Rs. 4·14 crores, and this will be adjusted in the accounts of this Government for this year as a payment under the Capital head 'Commuted value of pensions'. But this amount will not be actually paid by this Government in this year, the Government of India having agreed to treat the sum as a loan made by them to the Composite Madras State, repayable in 30 equated annual instalments with interest at 1 per cent per annum. The payment to be actually made by this Government on this account in this year will be about Rs. 16 lakhs only, and of this, Rs. 6 lakhs will be recovered from the Governments of Andhra and Mysore. For appropriation purposes, however, the approval of the Legislature has to be obtained for the sum of over Rs. 4 crores that will be adjusted under the head 'Commuted value of pensions' and this is provided for in the present supplementary statement. If the two special items I have just mentioned are excluded, the total amount included in the present supplementary statement will be reduced to Rs. 12 crores, which will be *less* than the supplementary demands approved by the Legislature *last year*, by about Rs. 5 crores. I should also point out that a provision of Rs. 2·2 crores is made in the present statement for the gross expenditure on measures of relief and other expenditure connected with the recent cyclone in the four Southern districts. I hope that the hon. Members will now agree that the present supplementary statement need cause no alarm. I may also point out in this connection that against the additional expenditure now envisaged under some demands, there are savings under others, which will have the effect of reducing the net increase over the budget, though formal transfers from one demand to another are not permissible. The total saving anticipated in this manner is about Rs. 165 lakhs, comprising Rs. 80 lakhs in the Revenue Account and Rs. 85 lakhs in the Capital and Debt Accounts.

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The provision included in the present statement for new service schemes sanctioned by the Government and requiring the specific approval of the Legislature is Rs. 36 lakhs in the Revenue Account and Rs. 34 lakhs in the Capital Account. The rest of the demands is intended to cover the expenditure in excess of the original budget and the supplementary budget already approved in November 1955, due to various causes which are explained in detail under each demand. I do not think it necessary for me to refer to each item in detail now. As stated in the introductory Memorandum to the supplementary statement, most of the increased expenditure now anticipated has been allowed for in the Revised Estimate for 1955–56, already presented to the Legislature.

With these words, I commend the Supplementary Estimates for the acceptance of the House.

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER *Re—cont.*

(2) CUT MOTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that under the second proviso to Rule 159 of the Madras Assembly Rules, notice of cut motions to the Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 1955–56 should be delivered in the Assembly Office before 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the 20th March 1956. No exception will be made to this rule on any account.

IV.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1956–57—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND VIII—IRRIGATION—*cont.*

(2) DEMAND XXXVI—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON IRRIGATION—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER : We will resume discussion on Demand VIII—Irrigation and Demand XXXVI—Capital Outlay on Irrigation. May I know from the Hon. Minister how long he would like to take for reply?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : About half an hour, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister will reply at 1 o'clock.

10-10 a.m. SRI L. ANANDAN : கனம் சபாநயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த மானியத்தை ஆதரித்து சில வார்த்தைகள் சொல்ல விரும்புகிறேன். முதல் ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டம் ஓரளவு வெற்றிகரமாக முடிந்து இரண்டாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டம் ஆரம்பித்துவிட்டது. முதல் ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில், சாதித்த பல திட்டங்களுக்கும், பல அபிவிருத்தி வேலைகளுக்கும் சர்க்கார் திறம்பட செய்திருப்பதற்கு நான் சர்க்காரைப் பாராட்டுகிறேன். தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் கள்ளக்குறிச்சி தாலூகா ஒரு பிற்போக்கான பிரதேசம். அது மலைப் பிரதேசமும் கூட. மலைப் பிரதேசம் என்றால் எப்படி இருக்கும் என்பது நான் சொல்லாமலேயே சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியும். அப்படித் தெரிந்தும் சர்க்கார் அங்கே பல நீர்ப்பாசன வசதிகளைச் செய்யாததினாலே, அங்கே ஏராளமான நிலங்கள் கரம்பாக கிடக்கின்றன. அந்த வரண்ட பிரதேசம் வளமாக வேண்டுமென்றால் கோமுகி நதியில் ஓர் நீர்தேக்கமும், மணிமுத்தார் நதியில் ஓர் நீர்தேக்கமும் கட்டுவதற்கு அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் இரண்டாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில் ஏற்பாடு